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OF PALESTINIAN ITEM

1. SYRIAN DAILY AL BAATH SEPT 19 CARRIED TWO-COLUMN
FRONT PAGE STORY IN LOWER RIGHT CORNER WITH HEADLINE
"UN - AMERICA OPPOSES DISCUSSION OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE".
ARTICLE, ATTRIBUTED TO AGENCIES IN NEW YORK, SAYS THAT
US HAS DECLARED ITS OPPOSITION TO DISCUSS PALESTINIAN
QUESTION AND THE MIDDLE EAST AT UN BECAUSE SUCH DIS-
CUSSION MIGHT ENDANGER SENSITIVE NEGOTIATIONS NOW UNDER-
WAY IN AREA.

2. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS THAT AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID
US WILL GRANT VISAS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF PLO TO ENABLE
THEM TO COME TO NEW YORK IF GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECIDES
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TO INVITE THEM. THE ARTICLE ATTRIBUTES THIS AMERICAN

POSITION TOWARD PLO AT UN TO ISRAELI OPPOSITION TO
THIS DISCUSSION.

3. IN CONTINUATION OF ARTICLE ON INSIDE PAGE THERE ARE
EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOVIET MAGAZINE ("ISSUED BY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF CPR") SAYING THAT THE CURRENT
STRAINED SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST IS RESULT OF
AGGRESSIVE ISRAELI POLICIES. IT ADDS THAT THE ARAB
STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT A LOSS OF THEIR TERRITORIES
AND THAT THE SOVIET UNION FULLY SUPPORTS THEM.
CONCERNING GENEVA CONFERENCE ON MIDDLE EAST, THE
MAGAZINE SAYS ANY AGREEMENT COMING OUT OF GENEVA
MUST CONTAIN A CLEAR STATEMENT THAT ISRAEL MUST WITH-
DRAW FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967. MAGAZINE
ADDS THAT PLO IS SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN
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